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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I am organizing the 8th biennial conference on the topic of "Lymphocytes and Antibodies" for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. This conference will cover the highlights of new, unpublished research in molecular and cellular immunology and will take place at the Vermont Academy in Saxton's River, Vermont from July 23 to 28, 1989.

This has always been a popular conference. It brings together world renown leaders and junior investigators for five days of intense scientific discussion. The participants are from a number of disciplines, but all are actively engaged in immunology research in academia, research institutes and private industry. The format and setting foster new ideas for experiments, the exchange of technology and reagents, and the establishment of collaborations.

The 1989 conference on Lymphocytes and Antibodies will cover the following topics:

1. MHC structure and T cell recognition
2. Mechanisms of self-tolerance
3. T cell phenotypes and responses
4. Antigen processing pathways
5. Molecular events in early B cell development
6. Interleukin regulation of Ig isotype switch
7. Ontogeny and function of gamma/delta cells
8. Lymphocyte activation
9. Immunopathogenesis of HIV

I have enclosed a copy of the tentative program and speaker list in order to give you a more detailed appreciation for the outstanding quality of the investigators who will lead this conference.

I am trying to raise funds (a total of $28,000) for support of participants' travel and registration expenses. We have a modest stipend from FASEB and hope to obtain additional support from NIH and NSF conference grant proposals. But, we are

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dependent on the generosity of private industry to achieve the goals of this conference. Thus, I am writing to you to inquire about a possible financial contribution. Your generous support of the 1987 conference was essential and greatly appreciated.

We think it important to involve young investigators in this meeting, but they often have the most limited resources. So, junior investigators as well as senior invited speakers will be eligible for support. Registration and meeting expenses will be modest ($340 each), but travel may cost up to $540 for West Coast participants.

The conference will be advertised by FASEB in February and in a number of scientific journals. We anticipate that a large number of people will apply, though attendance is limited to 140. If there is someone in your organization who would like to attend the conference, please let me know and I will see that they get the application form.

The contributors will be listed in the Conference Program and their names will be added to the plaque of corporate contributors at the FASEB Offices in Bethesda. If you would like more details about the meeting, please feel free to contact me at (619) 450-3033, or my co-chairman, David Parker of the University of Massachusetts Medical School at (508) 856-2396.

Both of us, and the other conferees, will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Cowing

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Enclosure

P.S.: Checks should be annotated "Lymphocytes and Antibodies" and made payable to: FASEB
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